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THE UNITED ASBESTOS  
ORIENTAL AGENCY.

Sole Agents for the  
UNITED ASBESTOS COM-  
PANY LTD. LONDON  
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED  
General Agents.

THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

## Banks.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.  
ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL (SUBSCRIBED AND PAID-UP) Yen 12,000,000  
RESERVE FUND " 7,300,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies.  
TOKIO. KOBE.  
NAGASAKI. LONDON.  
LYONS. NEW YORK.  
SAN FRANCISCO. HONOLULU.  
BOMBAY. SHANGHAI.

LONDON BANKERS:  
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.  
PARIS BANK, LTD.

THE UNION BANK OF LONDON, LTD.

HONGKONG AGENCY—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per Annum on the Daily Balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent.  
" 6 " " 6 " " 5 " "

" 3 " " 3 " " 2 " "

S. CHOI,  
Agent.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1899. [382]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital \$1,000,000  
Paid up Capital 324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors:  
Chen Kit Shan, Esq.  
Chow Tung Shing, Esq. Kwan Toi Chuen, Esq.  
D. Gillies, Esq. J. T. Lauts, Esq.

Chief Manager,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%  
Hongkong, 30th May, 1899. [8]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$2,800,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS \$800,000  
RESERVE FUND \$100,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT  
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per  
annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.  
" 6 " " 6 " " 5 " "

" 3 " " 3 " " 2 " "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 30th May, 1899. [381]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUND \$10,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
R. M. GRAY, Esq., Chairman;  
N. A. STEPHENS, Esq., Deputy Chairman;  
E. Goetz, Esq.

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R. H. Hill, Esq. P. Sachse, Esq.  
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A. McConachie, Esq. R. Shawan, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER,  
Hongkong—Sir THOMAS JACKSON.

MANAGER,  
Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY  
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent.  
per Annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.  
For 6 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.  
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.  
THOMAS JACKSON,  
Chief-Manager.

Hongkong, 6th June, 1899. [9]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted  
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be  
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER  
CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option  
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND  
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED  
DEPOSIT AT 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [10]

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE  
OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1860.

Shanghai Taels.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL 5,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL 2,500,000

Head Office—SHANGHAI.

Branches and Agencies.  
CANTON. HANKOW.  
CHEFOO. PEKING.  
CHINKIANG. SWATOW.  
FOOCHOW. TIENSIN.

THE Bank purchases and receives for col-  
lection Bills of Exchange drawn on the  
above places, and Sells Drafts and Telegraphic  
Transfers payable at its Branches and Agen-  
cies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.  
Advances made on approved securities  
Bills discounted.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS  
per annum. Fixed Deposits for 3 months

6 per cent. per annum.

Order of the Board of Directors.

J. W. RUTTER,  
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [11]

## Intimations.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI	Parma	A. Symons	Daylight, 22nd July	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.	Bathurst	C. L. W. Field	Noon, 22nd July	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN	Rosella	C. Talbot, R.N.R.	4 P.M., 22nd July	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN, &c.	Fornosa	A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R.	About 27th July	Freight or Passage.

(Passing through the Inland Sea). [10]

(See Special Advertisement).

For Further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th July, 1899. [12]

## AQUARIUS.

"A PERFECT TABLE WATER."



Telephone  
76.

Allowance for  
the Employees  
when return to  
our Godowns.

Net Price.

Per Dozen Quarts \$2.50 \$1.00 \$1.50

Per Dozen Pints 1.75 0.75 1.00

There is no teaching in all the wide world of hygiene so valuable as the inculcation of the idea that typhoid fever is a water-borne disease. Excluding a not uncommon liability to the air-diffusion of its germs, we acquire this ailment undoubtedly from water directly, or from milk which has been fouled by polluted water. Pure water means practically the abolition of both typhoid fever and cholera. Our safety abroad is to drink a pure Mineral Water only."—(Dr. Andrew Wilson in the "Illus. London News")

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,  
GENERAL MANAGERS.  
15, Queen's Road.

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BOARD  
AND  
RESIDENCE.

On Monthly Terms from 1st July, 1899.

## CLUB WHISKY IS THE BEST.

\$12.00 ... ... ... PER DOZEN.

H. PRICE & CO.,  
12, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 19th May, 1899. [20]

## THE CLUB HOTEL, LIMITED.

No. 5-B, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL Centrally situated, well furnished and supplied with excellent Cuisine and Good Wines.

The Company's Steam-launch attends the arrival and departure of all Mail Steamers.

Special attention paid to the Comfort of Visitors.

E. V. SIOEN, Manager.

Yokohama, 1st October, 1897. [21]

## W. POWELL & Co.

Es. S. "MANILA"

NEW SHOES, NEW HATS  
AND  
MILLINERY REQUISITES.

Hongkong, 10th July, 1899. [22]

## Intimations.

UNITED ASBESTOS ORIENTAL  
AGENCY, LIMITED.

SOLE AGENT IN

HONGKONG, CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS,

FOR THE

UNITED ASBESTOS CO., LTD., LONDON,

CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.

MANUFACTURERS OF THE

Best Qualities of ASBESTOS GOODS and PACKINGS.

HYDRAULIC and SELF LUBRICATING PUMP PACKINGS, of all kinds.

VICTOR METALLIC BOILER JOINTS.

ASBESTOS SALAMANDER BOILER COVERING COMPOSITION of the best qualities.

ESTIMATES given for every DESCRIPTION of WORK.

SUPERINTENDENT..... THOS SKINNER

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

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H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

GEO. J. CASANOVA, Manager.

CITY OFFICE, 7, Duddell Street.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1899. [28]

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Hongkong, 4th January, 1899. [28]

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**To-day's Advertisements.**

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

PEARSON CUP &amp; SPOONS.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 22nd instant, at 4 p.m.  
Weather permitting.  
Ranges—200, 500 and 600 yards.  
Seven Shells and one Shighter.  
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,  
Hon. Sec.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1899.

**To-day's Advertisements.**

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship  
"CHANGSHA".  
Captain Moore, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 26th instant.  
For Freight or Passage apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1899. [632]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship  
"DIOMED".  
Captain Goodwin, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 30th instant.  
For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1899. [632]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.  
THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA".  
Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 23rd instant, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1899. [948]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.  
THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIAN".  
Captain Douglas, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon.  
This vessel has Superior Accommodation for Saloon Passengers, and is now being fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1899. [632]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"SUNGKIAN".  
Captain Douglas, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1899. [879]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR TIENSIN.

THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIYANG".  
Captain Outerbridge, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1899. [879]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TIENTSIN".  
Captain Outerbridge, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN S.S. Co. and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1899. [879]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SANDAKAN.

THE Company's Steamship

"MAUSANG".  
Captain I. Kynoch, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1899. [1042]



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR

STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,  
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN  
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.  
(Through Bills of Lading issued for BAZAIA,  
PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and  
AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"COROMANDEL".  
Captain F. W. Vibert, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 27th August, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be shipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Passages will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars apply to H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1899. [15]

UNITED STATES AND CHINA-JAPAN STEAMSHIP LINE.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"INDRALEMI".  
Captain Baker, will be despatched as above on or about the 14th August.

For Freight, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1899. [1042]

**The Hongkong Telegraph**

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1899.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE TRANSVAAL.

LONDON, July 20th.

The Volksraad, has passed several of the causes of the Franchise Bill with slight amendments. It is understood that the Government will abolish the Dynamite Monopoly and propose to add eight seats to the representation of the Uitlander districts.

THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Russell A. Alger, Secretary of War has resigned in consequence of attacks made on him concerning the conduct of the campaign and the suppression of the truth about the Philippines.

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1899. [632]

CRICKET.

The Australians (in the fourth test match) declared their innings closed for 346 runs for seven wickets. England in the 2nd innings made 94 for three wickets and the game ended in a draw.

WEATHER REPORT.

Captain Moore, will be despatched on SUNDAY, the 6th August, at Daylight.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

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Agents.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1899. [632]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We learn that no less than 1,141 tins of condensed milk have been seized by the Sanitary Authorities as being unfit for human food.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

THE P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"PARRAMATTA".  
Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—  
From London, &c., ex S.S. Oriental.  
From Australia, ex S.S. Shanwan.  
From Persian Gulf, ex H. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 3 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 27th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Godown and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the Vessel's arrival hereafter which no Claims will be recognised.

H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1899. [1-w 5]

Extinction.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

PORTS  
(For Invalids and General Use.)

B.—VINTAGE superior quality, Red Capsule..... \$14.40

C.—FINE OLD VINTAGE, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule..... 16.20

D.—VERY FINE OLD VINTAGE extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled) 20.40

A SOMEWHAT sudden death was reported to the Shanghai police on the 10th inst. It appears that Mr. H. A. Thorldeon, who is a Customs House officer on twelve months' leave from TIENSIN, and who was living in a boarding house in the Woosung Road, was taken suddenly ill during the afternoon in his room, and it was thought advisable to remove him to the Hospital. He reached the institution a few moments later but died almost immediately, the death being set down to "natural causes".

The China Gazette hear on reliable authority that a British mining engineer, who has been prospecting for coal mines in Manchuria, on behalf of Chinese capitalists, has been summarily ordered to quit by the Russians, and that the British Consul at Newchwang has been instructed to make it known that any kind of prospecting can be undertaken by British subjects in Manchuria, which that journal takes to mean that Great Britain has practically recognised Russia's sovereignty over that portion of China, and admits that the Chinese people have no say in the management of their own affairs in their own country.

The following is the beautiful epitaph written by Miss Frances Power Cobbe, for the steerswoman of the steamer *Stella*, who was drowned in the wreck of that vessel on the Casques?—

In Memory of  
The Heroic Death  
of  
MARY ANNE ROGERS,  
Stewardess of the *Stella*,  
Who,

Amid the confusion and terror of shipwreck  
Aided all the passengers under her charge  
To quit the vessel in safety.

Giving her own life-belt to one who was  
unprotected.

Summoned in turn to make good her  
escape,

She refused;

Lest she might endanger the heavily-laden  
boat.

Cheering the departing crew  
With the friendly cry of "Good-bye."

Good-bye!

She was seen, a few moments later,

As the *Stella* went down.

Lifting her arms upwards with the prayer  
"God Save Me!"

Her last book was not a receipt at all. The end of the book was the receipt. The defendant had been proved an intelligent man, who thoroughly knew the customs of the bank, and was at least as likely as he would try to defraud by writing his own name when he knew Mr. Sexton's initials as well as Mr. Sexton did himself. By writing his own name he gave information against himself and at the same time knew perfectly well that the European signature was absolutely necessary to obtain money and that the signature of a Chinese banker was not. The prosecution had been able to prove that the defendant had been in the habit of writing his name on the books when he knew that he could not get away with it, and that he had done so more than once.

Reliance on God Constitutes the glorious heritage of our English race.

They deserve perpetual commendation.

It becomes us to become

Among the trivial pleasures and indulgences of life we should

not recall for a moment

The nobility and love of God.

RESCUE BY THE "KINTUOK".

The China Mutual Steam Navigation Com-

pany, Limited, inform us that they received this morning the following information from their Agent (Mr. G. Sutherland).

"Kintuok," a steamer bound from

Colombo to this port with the German steamer *Trauttmann* in tow, having picked her up at sea with shaft broken. The *Kintuok* reached Colombo with this large German vessel on the 16th inst., and left the following day for the Canal after bunkering. The incident will unfortunately cause the *Coy's* steamer to be somewhat later on arrival at U.K. than was originally contemplated but your Shippers will well understand the reason.

His Lordship in summing up owned to feeling surprise at the entries being under foulsmen and at the way in which the entries at the Bank were made. With regard to the two defended men and the jury would have to decide whether the facts brought forward were sufficient to prove that there had been intent to defraud.

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lar site at home. The work of inspection must be thorough into every nook and corner, every disease-producing centre, where human beings congregate must be visited at frequent intervals by men with intelligence and tact enough to deal with the men and at the same time paid high enough wages to place them beyond corruption by bribes, which are so freely offered by the Chinese. The question may arise as to whether there is any necessity for this, but a comparison between the Hongkong and Liverpool death statistics will answer the question in the affirmative. Mr. Osborne then went on to point out the manner in which our industry suffered from the insanitary state of the colony and moved.

"At the Government he besought to appoint a Assistant Medical Officer of Health from home who shall devote his whole time to the service of the Sanitary Board and that the Medical Officer of Health be asked to draw up a brief report stating what other changes and additions he considers necessary to the Sanitary Staff to enable it to effectually maintain the City in a cleanly condition."

The Vice-President elicited from Mr. Osborne, pointing out that Liverpool probably occupied a much larger area than Hongkong and he thought the matter required to be gone into carefully. He moved that the question be referred to a committee of the Board for further consideration and suggested Mr. Osborne, Dr. Clarke and the President.

The amendment was carried.

#### PLAQUE AT PENANG.

Plague at Penang is decreasing, the number of cases reported during the week ended July 1st being four cases and three deaths.

#### AT TAINAN.

The plague report from Mr. E. A. Griffiths, Acting British Consul at Tainan, shows a decrease. For the week ended June 26th there were 30 cases and 13 deaths.

#### SANITARY VOLUNTEERS.

The following letter from Dr Clark to the President of the Board has been circulated:

Hongkong, July 18th.

Sir.—I have the honour to direct attention to the fact that the six gentlemen who have kindly volunteered for house-to-house visitation work have no official or legal locus standi, and in view of the opinion of the Hon. Attorney General, expressed in his minute of 26/6/99, contained in C.S.O. 129/99, it would appear necessary that they must be gazetted as Inspectors of Nuisances.

I do not think that gentlemen of their standing in the Colony would care to be so designated in the *Government Gazette*, and in view of the fact that we have only six volunteers and that in cases of plague have been reported to-day, it would perhaps be well for the Board to request the Government to thank these gentlemen for their services and to intimate to them that in view of the abatement of the epidemic, the Board will not require their services after the end of the week.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FRANCIS W. CLARK,  
M. O. II.

The Director of Public Works agreed with the President.

Capt. May said the matter required careful consideration.

The President drew attention to the fact that when the Board called for these volunteers it was impossible for anyone to state that the epidemic was at its height. He seconded the proposition of the Medical Officer of Health.

Mr. Osborne, thought it would be as well for the Board to request the public that volunteers from the police and soldiers could not be obtained, because there seemed to be an impression abroad that they could have got as many volunteers as they wanted by paying for them; but such was not the case. They could not get the usual volunteers by paying for them, and that was the reason they called for others.

The motion was carried.

#### LIME WASHING.

At the last meeting it was agreed that steps should be taken to prosecute owners of houses who had not complied with the law as regards lime-washing premises. The Secretary submitted a report showing steps taken. A list of houses having been received, the names of owners were ascertained and those referring to 7 and 8 health districts given to Inspector Brett for service. As to Nos. 9 and 10 health districts the names cannot be given until Mr. Clerkenwell resumes work. Numbers 7 and 8 districts have now a week in which to do this lime-washing after which, in default, they will be proceeded against.

#### MARKEZ OVERSEER'S QUARTERS.

The Director of Public Works reported that Wong Wo Leung, holder of fruit stalls Nos. 36, 37 and 38 offers \$25 a month rental for the North Tower. If he is permitted to erect a Chinese cooking stove in the kitchen of the said tower and is allowed to accommodate his ten assistants in the ground floor room. He minded, "there appears to be no administrative objection to this. Have you any objection to offer? If not, I suggest that the \$25 a month be given to the overseer in lieu of the quarters, which are unquestionably unhealthy for any European."

The Medical Officer of Health said that the suggestion would require the sanction of H.E. the Governor.

The report was adopted.

#### WASHING TANKS AT TAI HANG.

Five tenders for erecting a dam and washing tanks in the bed of the stream above Tai Hang village have been received, namely:

1. Yau King Cheung ... \$3,17.86  
2. Hui Yau ... 4,054.20  
3. Tsang Keng ... 4,138.10  
4. Foo ... 4,452.30  
5. Li A Ping ... 5,532.20

The first tender was accepted. A letter from the D.P.W. of the 7th inst. stated that the tanks had been completed and asked the board to take charge of them. There are 20 tanks in all, including one between the over-flow. The letter also advised that washing in the bed of the stream above the tanks should be now prohibited.

The Board then adjourned.

#### THE PLAGUE.

Cases reported to 20th instant ... 127  
Do. do. during past 24 hours ... 1  
Total ... 128

Deaths reported to 20th instant ... 116  
Do. do. during past 24 hours ... 3  
Total ... 119

#### MORE TROUBLE IN SZECHUAN.

A telegram of 14th instant to the *China Gazette* says:

This Chinese district is in a state of acute trouble, the inhabitants have not yet taken to flight, but the recently made efforts to do so have been officially announced. It is known that he has been sent to the interior.

As soon as possible, the Chinese government will be informed of the situation.

#### SUICIDE AT SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, 7th July.—Considerable regret is being felt within the settlement at the death of Mr. H. D. Patch, of the Shanghai Brewery, which occurred yesterday afternoon at his quarters close to the business premises. The sorrow is all the more heightened by the fact that the deceased came by his death in a manner which leaves no doubt that it was an act of self-destruction. The deceased had been a resident in China for over twelve years and had been connected with the brewing industry the best portion of that period. Success had not always followed his exertions in his commercial life, and failure to realize his brightest hopes brought with it a depression in spirits which his friends noticed was rapidly making him more morose, bringing a disinclination to enjoy life as he had previously done. A few days ago he transferred all his interest and responsibilities in the brewery to Messrs. J. W. Gandy & Co., and since then he appears to have become very despondent, those around him noticing that he had become more silent in his manner, and melancholy in men. No serious notice was however taken of the change in his manner so that when his first cousin, Mr. Sampson, made a casual call upon him yesterday afternoon he was surprised to find Mr. Patch lying on his bed on his left side, quite cold, with a gas rubber tube lying against his face, death having evidently been caused by asphyxia. The police were at once summoned and the body removed to the Shantung Mortuary where Dr. Cooper made a post mortem examination this morning pending the usual formal enquiry into the cause of death.

THE INQUEST.

Mr. F. S. A. Bourne, the Coroner, at 11 o'clock this morning opened an enquiry into the circumstances attending the death of Henry Dowell Patch whose body was found on the previous evening at his quarters in the Brewery in the Markham Road as above stated.

Mr. H. T. Butterworth, Mr. H. G. Gardner, and Mr. Charles Vigar were empanelled as jurors, and the formal viewing of the body having been done the Coroner stated that Mr. Hogg had been summoned to serve as a juror, but as that gentleman had written to say he was very "scuddy" and was in a somewhat nervous condition, he (Mr. Bourne) had excused him from attendance. It was very undesirable he (the Coroner) thought to have a gentleman serving as a juror at an enquiry of that nature whose nervous condition was in any way deranged.

Mr. Alexander Sampson said he was a first cousin to the deceased, and yesterday afternoon made a kind of afternoon call upon him. He knocked at the door and received no answer but subsequently gained admittance to the room where he found there was a very strong smell of gas. The windows were all closed, and on opening them he found that there was a rubber gas tube suspended from a bracket above the bed on which deceased was lying, and leading down to the mouth and nostrils of deceased. There was also a piece of rag on the top of the head and hanging down over the forehead. Witness removed the rubber tube thinking that there might be some chance of saving life, but it was too late, the deceased was quite cold. Deceased was undressed at the time, and the gas was turned right on.

By the jury: The deceased had been in trouble for some time and had been depressed over his financial embarrassments. Notwithstanding that, there was nothing in his manner which would lead him to suppose that that the deceased contemplated self-destruction.

Dr. W. D. Cooper deposed to being called to the police station yesterday morning to enquire if deceased's room there was a strong odour of gas. He examined the body and found it was quite cold, death having ensued three or four hours previously. He considered death was caused through asphyxia, caused by inhaling the gas through the tube. The eyes were open and the fingers were clenched.

Mr. Sampson recalled stated that there was no occasion for any lamp being lit up when he first saw the deceased, and there was no indication that a lamp had actually been burning. He did not notice whether the tube was twisted under the arm of the deceased.

Inspector Kelly deposed to being called by the last witness and saw the body in the position described by Mr. Sampson.

The Chinese "boy" who had been servant to Mr. Patch for the past six months said that his master had not eaten any food except tea and toast for about two weeks. Yesterday morning he went to his room about half past seven and asked the deceased whether he wanted any tea. He got a negative answer and he went again in the afternoon when the deceased told him that he did not want him in the room. He however again went into the room and found his master dead, and he immediately went away to inform Mr. Gandy. The rubber tube the deceased took to his room from the office about two weeks ago, and about a week ago he noticed that his master had fixed the tube to the bracket with the other end on the point where he wishes to cross, and his admittance to the Filipino camp will be immediately facilitated.

The deceased was always a good master to him.

M. H. Capel deposed that he lived in the next room to the deceased who was a man of very eccentric habits. It was his custom to lie on his bed even in the hottest weather, and close all his windows. Witness left the Brewery early yesterday morning and returned at about eleven o'clock so that he knew nothing of what had transpired during the day. He did not think that the "boy" inadvertently stuck facts when he stated that the tube had been affixed to the bracket with the other end on the bed. He disconnected it, telling his master that he was no good, as such a scum came from him.

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Mr. H. Capel deposed that he saw the deceased on the evening of the 10th instant at 5 o'clock. Admiral Watson's launch was caught in the current near the Spanish Bridge, and in a disabled condition, was dashed against a schooner moored near the bank of the River. One of the crew of eight men jumped overboard and another was violently thrown out of the launch, but fortunately no one was injured. The Captain of the Port's launch quickly came to the rescue and took the Admiral and his companions aboard his flagship.

LAUNCH WRECKED.

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The jury after a short deliberation returned the following verdict:

"That the deceased died from asphyxia caused by gas taken by himself while in an insane condition." —*China Gazette*.

#### SPANISH PRISONERS.

The majority of the Spanish prisoners in Batangas Province are concentrated in the town of Lipa, and are well treated, says a Manila paper. Those who have a profession are allowed to follow it unmolested, while others less fortunate live peacefully, the best house of the village. With some of the prisoners, prostitution has led to love and many marriages have been contracted.

In the house of one of the rich residents of that village a small theatre has been erected and many Spanish pieces have been put on the stage by the young ladies of that locality, with the assistance of some of the prisoners.

#### SEÑOR MABIN.

El Presidente le ha ordenado a su secretario de Relaciones Exteriores que Aprobación, Mission, presidente del Consejo, y el Ministro de Fomento, que se retiren de la Embajada, y el Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores, que permanezca en su puesto.

En su lugar, el Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores, que ha sido nombrado por el Presidente, ha sido designado para ocupar el puesto de Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores.

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will be reported to the Government to be placed on record.

#### OBITUARY.

THE REV. N. J. PLUMB.

Rev. Nathan J. Plumb, one of the oldest foreign residents of Foochow, died at Sharp Peak on Tuesday last the 11th inst. He had been about the port in his apparent usual health until within a few days of his death. His final sickness was the result of exposure to the sun and heat. He had gone with his wife on a short trip to Sharp Peak and the next day returned to this city on business and the day following on his returning again to Sharp Peak he had congestion of the brain and was in an unconscious condition until his death. His body was brought to Foochow for burial in the American Cemetery. Appropriate services were held at his late residence, conducted by Rev. M. C. Wilcox.

The deceased was born at Batemontown, Ohio, Sept. 16th, 1823. During the war of the rebellion he enlisted in the Union Army and served for two years as a member of the 88th Ohio regiment U.S. volunteers, and participated in several battles and endured the severest hardships of an active campaign in the field.

He came to Foochow 32 years ago as a Missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has been one of the most esteemed and successful labourers of that Church, greatly beloved by the Chinese and highly esteemed in this community.

He was married here on the 2nd of December, 1873, to Julia F. Walling. Their two children, a son and a daughter are in one of the Colleges in America.

Mr. Plumb was mild in manner, and yet an enthusiastic worker. At the time of his death he was in charge of the theological school and delighted in his work of training young men for the Christian ministry. He will be greatly missed and his death will be deeply lamented by the Chinese of this region. —*Foochow Echo*.

WORD TO HANDS.

Word to hands tell of a serious riot in Eastern or Chinese Tibet at a place called Pao An, some 30 miles over the border from Kansu. The Christian and Missionary Alliance have had a station there for about two years or so, and this has been attacked and looted by the Tibetans, the missionaries Rev. Geo. T. Shields and wife, with Mrs. McEachen, barely escaped with their lives to Lauchow, where the Chinese Inland Mission have workers.

This party of missionaries only left Central China in the fall of last year and had consequently not been at Pao An for more than a few months. The natives had shewn themselves rather troublesome and to make matters worse the Chinese official on being appealed to refused to help or protect at all, and no doubt the riot was largely due to this action of his.

BATTLE EXPECTED.

There were one hundred hospital nurses as passengers on the train to San Fernando on the 14th inst. and apparently the authorities think the long expected battle may come off in a few days.

The rebels are said to be massed in larger numbers than before; one report, of unknown origin, asserts that there are 15,000 rebels around San Fernando. They hope that the heavy rainfall and consequent swelling of streams will hamper the Americans so much as to present a favorable opportunity for attack.

#### DISTRESS IN CAVITE PROVINCE.

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